

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Francesco D'ORIA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1791
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Application No.: 10/560,888)	Examiner: KNABLE, Geoffrey L.
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Filed: May 30, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 3653
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For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING)	Mail Stop AF
ELASTOMERIC COMPONENTS OF)	
A TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japan Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign patent document and English-language translation of the abstract are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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